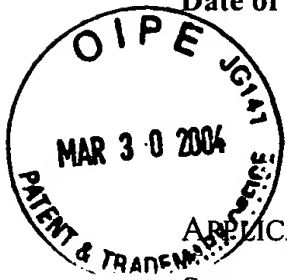


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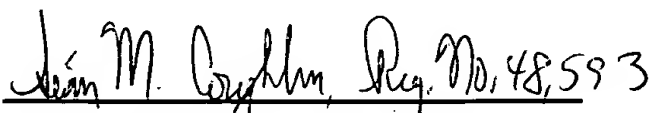
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing a continuation application claiming priority to the above referenced application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-139 (Cura 439). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 30, 2004


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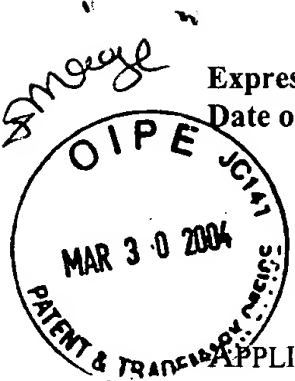
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Transmittal Letter

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced application are the following:

1. Petition For Extension of Time (1 page);
2. Check No.18370 in the amount of \$475.00 to cover fee for Petition for Three-Month Extension; and
3. Return postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21402-139 (Cura 439)).

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